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Letter dated 5 May 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia with regard to the statement made by the Azerbaijani President during the Security Council briefing on 4 May 2012 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia

The statement made by the President of Azerbaijan on 4 May 2012 to the United Nations Security Council is based on lies, distortions and groundless speculations. It causes deep regret that such an august platform can be used for such base statements.

Instead of reaffirming his country's commitment to the peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh issue, the President of Azerbaijan is abusing the authoritative tribune of the United Nations Security Council in order to repeat the overused theses of anti-Armenian propaganda of Azerbaijan, forgetting to recall the Azerbaijani leadership's famous racist thesis that Azerbaijan's "main enemies are Armenians of the world".

During the Security Council briefing on the item "Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts", the President of Azerbaijan made an unsuccessful attempt to lay its own responsibility for links with terrorist groups on others, being the leader of a country that actively used thousands of mercenaries closely linked to notorious international terrorist networks in its war aimed at the annihilation of the people of Nagorno-Karabakh.

It is a peculiar expression of cynicism when vain accusations are voiced against Armenia by the leader of a country, the authorities of which masterminded massacres, ethnic cleansing against the Armenians by medieval methods; a country where cruel butchers of sleeping people are glorified as national heroes; a country where a captive is humiliated in front of cameras and then killed, as it is done by well-known terrorist organizations; a country where centuries-old cultural monuments are barbarously destroyed, as is done by infamous terrorists.

The continuous threats to regional peace and security and the bellicose and hatred-disseminating provocative statements of the leadership of Azerbaijan, which are in harsh contrast to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, are not befitting a United Nations Member State and undermine the authority of the Security Council.